

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 509 - HB 1384

March 29, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the “Tennessee Educators Portfolio Support Act.” Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to create a training program for local education agencies (LEA) and teachers evaluated using a pre-kindergarten and kindergarten growth portfolio model. Prior to the beginning of each school year, requires DOE to offer each LEA at least one training opportunity to pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers and other individuals authorized to support implementation of a portfolio model in a pre-kindergarten or kindergarten classroom. Requires DOE to respond to an LEA's request for in-person training support within forty-eight (48) hours. Requires DOE to provide notice on the department's website, of all training opportunities related to this section no later than June 1st of each year.

Requires DOE to create a growth portfolio model support program for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers and other individuals authorized to support implementation of a portfolio model in a pre-kindergarten or kindergarten classroom. Requires the support program to include certain specified elements. If an LEA has demonstrated growth in third grade student achievement, then an LEA may develop and use an alternative pre-kindergarten and kindergarten growth portfolio model for the evaluation of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers to measure academic growth of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students. Requires the alternative growth model developed by an LEA to include certain specified elements.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$655,500

Assumptions:

- DOE will require one full-time employee at each of the eight centers of regional excellence (CORE) offices to plan, coordinate and deliver training, and provide additional training within 2 weeks upon request.
- DOE will also require one full-time employee to coordinate and manage the positions and the growth portfolio model support program.
- All nine positions would be Education Consultant 3 positions.
- The recurring increase state expenditures relative to the additional positions is estimated to be \$655,488 [(\$56,832 salary + \$16,000 benefits) x 9 positions].

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- DOE's data system is configured for the standard statewide portfolio growth model. If a district creates a model that is separate from the State Board of Education-approved model, it will impair DOE's ability to collect, track, and manage data from multiple district-level models. Any required updates to the current system may increase costs for DOE.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures as a result of this legislation is estimated to exceed \$655,488.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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